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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination which is filed further to the Notice of Appeal received in the Mail Room on 6 July 2001. Accordingly, as 6 October 2001 fell on a Saturday, and Monday 9 October 2001 was a Federal Holiday (Columbus Day), a request for a one-month extension of time is filed herewith, i.e., to extend the two month period for the filing of the Brief on Appeal through Tuesday, 10 October 2001. Applicants request that such extension be granted, and the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the extension fee, and any other fee(s) deemed necessary, to Deposit Account 07-1765, in